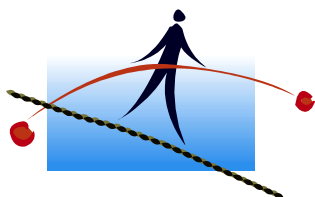




## COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY BOARDS



*A Balanced Approach to  
Juvenile Justice*

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## WHAT IS THE JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM?

In the State of Washington, the Juvenile Justice Act of 1977 (RCW Title 13) mandated diversion services for minor and first time juvenile offenders. The Legislative intent of this act is to hold youth accountable for their offenses, to involve local citizens in the process,



to provide restitution for the victim, and to provide an alternative for eligible minor and first time offenders to the more expensive court process.

Diversion provides an alternative to the formal Juvenile Court process for youth, under the age of 18 years old, who are arrested for minor offenses who meet the legal criteria for Diversion.

The program allows eligible youth to take responsibility for their actions and receive expedited sanctions imposed by a Community Accountability Board.

## COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD MEMBERS

**(CAB)**

Volunteers from local communities within the county are screened and trained by Snohomish County Juvenile Court Diversion Program staff. Upon acceptance into the program, the volunteer is appointed to a CAB in the community in which they live or work.

CAB members review information about the youth and the offense. An informal hearing is conducted to gather additional information about the offense and the youth's situation. The CAB members determine the terms and conditions of a Diversion Agreement which the youth is then offered based on the following factors:



- The type of offense committed;
- The victim's desired response;
- The circumstances surrounding the offense;
- Available community resources;
- And the youth's particular situation and attitude.

## **VOLUNTEERS** **NEEDED**

The Snohomish County Juvenile Court is looking for volunteers for appointment to Community Accountability Boards located throughout the county.

### Do you:

- Possess an interest in youth and a commitment to the welfare of others?
- Have a non-judgmental attitude?
- Treat youth and families with dignity and respect?
- Have the ability to hold confidences and respect the privacy of others?
- Have the ability to communicate effectively?
- Have the ability to work and problem solve with other volunteers.?
- Have experience with youth?



**Call for an application today!**

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## **JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- To hold youth accountable for their actions.
- To foster change in the attitudes and behaviors of youth so that they conform to the law and community standards.
- To impress upon youth that the community is concerned with their conduct.
- To increase the awareness of youth regarding the relationship between the offending behavior and the people in the community impacted by such behavior.
- To stimulate and maximize the opportunities for victim and citizen participation in the Juvenile Justice System.



## **Snohomish County Juvenile Court Services**

**Are you interested in  
applying for a  
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